

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ATLANTIC
AND U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER,
ATLANTIC

September 28, 1962

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Dear Pat:

I appreciate your letter of 19 September and the invitation to visit you for a special briefing on the intelligence situation in my areas of interest. I agree that your specialists could undoubtedly supply answers to the many intelligence questions which confront me. Although I would like very much to see your Washington setup, I believe that more over-all benefit would be derived if you and your briefers could come to Norfolk in order that more of my key staff members could be included in the audience. October 4, 5 and 11 would be convenient dates here, with preference for the earlier ones because I believe the sooner we get together the better. If these three dates are not convenient, perhaps we could make it during the week of 15 October. Any day but the 17th would be fine. My airplane will be available to bring you to Norfolk and return you to Washington on any time schedule you propose.

Our areas of interest would cover current intelligence in Cuba and a rundown of your current operations in the same area. Government stability, communist strength (both present and anticipated), attitudes of the people, recent military buildup, attitudes of NATO allies on shipping to Cuba, and Latin American government attitudes towards Cuba and the U. S. would be specific areas of interest. It would also be interesting to hear your estimate on the quality of intelligence now being received from Cuba.

I realize the sensitivity of your current operations, but I feel that the present situation makes it necessary that we have a thorough exchange of information among all cognizant agencies and departments. As you know, our contingency planning is quite extensive and quite detailed. I will be prepared to bring you up to date on this in any degree you desire.

NAVY review(s) completed.

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Although I know your basic preference is to limit audiences as much as possible, I feel that the following key people should be included in any briefing you give:

Vice Admiral Wallace M. Beakley, USN
Deputy CINCLANTFLT and Chief of Staff and
Aide to CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT.
Vice Admiral Alfred G. Ward, USN
Commander Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet and
Prospective Commander Second Fleet.
Lieutenant General Robert B. Luckey, USMC
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic
Rear Admiral Horacio Rivero, USN
Deputy Chief of Staff, CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT
Rear Admiral James W. Davis, USN
Prospective Commander Naval Base, Guantanamo
Captain P. E. Hartmann, USN
Asst. C/S Operations, CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT
Captain Page Knight, USN
Asst. C/S Plans, CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT
Captain E. C. Blonts, Jr., USN
Asst. C/S Intelligence, CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT
Captain R. E. Millard, USN
Intelligence Liaison Officer, CINCLANT
Captain Harry C. Allendorfer, Jr., USN
Executive Asst. & Aide, CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT

I hope one of the dates I have proposed will be satisfactory. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT L. DENNISON
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, USA
Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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10 SEP 1962

Admiral Robert L. Dennison
Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic
Norfolk, Virginia

"Bob"

Dear Admiral Dennison:

It has been brought to my attention that when General Maxwell Taylor visited your Command on 28 August 1962, he suggested that you visit CIA on your next trip to Washington. I heartily concur in his suggestion and would welcome such a visit at your convenience. At that time, we would be prepared to present a special briefing on the intelligence situation in the areas of your interest for you and a few key members of your staff. Although you undoubtedly receive our intelligence reports, I am sure that our area specialists can supply answers to many questions you may have in mind, and I believe such an exchange will be helpful to us.

A date most convenient for you and details of the subjects to be covered can be arranged through our representative at your Headquarters.

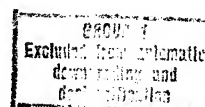
Faithfully yours,

"PS We'd like to set a date for lunch here at some time, with Mr. McCone -- or maybe you'd rather invite some of us down there as better suited to your needs? In any event, please let me know how best we can get in bed -- not forgetting DIA and ONI and J-2, JCS are all in the middle!"

P."

(Signature)
Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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10/4/62

MEMORANDUM FOR: *Gen. Charter*

Because Adm. Donnan has 10 officers whom he wishes to be briefed also, he invites you and your briefers to Norfolk.

He has already been told that our man on his staff that the 4th + 5th is out. The 11th is bad for [redacted] who would probably be the [redacted] rep.

It appears the Adm. believes he will be briefed in (DATE) detail there is likely.

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ER:

I think a meeting for the briefing had been set up (I don't remember the date but everyone was going to Norfolk.) In view of recent developments, the whole thing was cancelled for at least the time being. I think we should hold on to these papers in ER and most likely they will be referred to as correspondence with Admiral Dennison.

Lois 10/26